

Application for Appointment to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County

Mailed or hand-delivered applications must be received by noon on Friday, January 5, 2018, to be considered.

Mail or hand-deliver to: School Board Appointment
Commission of Anne Arundel County, c/o Board of Education Office,
2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401

E-mailed applications must be received by noon on Friday, January 5, 2018, to be considered.

E-mail to: sbac@aacps.org as a PDF file.

Please call 410-222-5311, after 24 hours, to confirm receipt.

Full Name Sidney Allen Butcher		List any former names used	
Address (applicant must be an Anne Arundel County resident) [REDACTED] HANOVER, MD 21076			
How long have you been an Anne Arundel County resident? <small>Little over four years</small>	Are you a registered voter? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Can we contact you at work? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Home Phone	Work Phone [REDACTED]	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions below, please attach comments.

- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeited collateral for any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? Minor traffic offenses do not include the offenses of operating under the influence of liquor, operating while impaired, reckless driving or the equivalent offenses in other states.
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of any crime that relates in any way to the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County?
- Yes No Have you ever been convicted of any crime that has not been expunged or otherwise shielded?
- Yes No Are you delinquent on any federal, state, or local debt? (Include delinquencies for income, property, or other taxes, governmental loans, overpayment of benefits, required payments into or under governmental programs, and other debts or required payments to the government plus any defaults on or under loans which are or where guaranteed, insured, or subsidized by any unit of government.)
- Yes No In the last five years, have you been, or are you presently a party of interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation, including any action regarding a professional license?
- Yes No Have you ever been adjudged bankrupt or insolvent?
- Yes No Has a complaint of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, age or handicap ever been filed against you or against any firm or organization during your affiliation with it?

Please attach a current résumé with this application. In addition, please provide here any professional organizational memberships and positions held and length of service: (Please limit to past 15 years) *Attach additional sheets as necessary.*

American BAR Association
Maryland State BAR Association
Monumental City BAR Association
Anne Arundel County BAR Association
* please see resume

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Applicant Name

Community Involvement: (Please limit to the past 15 years.)

Attach additional sheets as necessary.

* please see Resume

Awards/Honors: What award/honors have you been most proud to receive?

(Please include the year of the award and the awarding institution or entity.)

* Please See Resume

Please provide a bulleted list of three goals you hope to accomplish if you are appointed to the Board of Education.

Please limit each bullet to 15 words.

- * A sense that all schools are equal.
- * Work provide more opportunities to students as they transition out of high school.
- * Educate students about implicit bias.

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Applicant Name

Please answer the following questions. Your responses for each question must be typed on 8½-by-11 sheets of paper using single-line spacing and 12-point font.

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County? Please include an explanation of the primary strengths you would bring to this position, and what you believe is the proper role of a Board member.
2. What do you believe are the most critical issues currently facing Anne Arundel County Public Schools? What specific ideas do you have to address these issues?
3. Please share any current Anne Arundel County Public Schools best practices and procedures you are familiar with and how you feel these initiatives benefit students and the community.
4. What is your exposure to, or experience with, Anne Arundel County Public Schools?

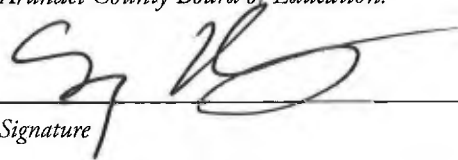
I CERTIFY that:

- *This application (and any copy or facsimile of same) contains no willful misrepresentation and that the information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*
- *Completion and submission of this application gives the School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County the authority to submit my name for a criminal records check, including a search of the child abuse registry.*
- *Information on this application and any documents submitted to be included with this application will be deemed public records of the School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County and may be made available to the public. Only information deemed confidential in accordance with applicable federal and state law will be withheld from public disclosure.*
- *Should any investigation at any time disclose otherwise, my application may be rejected, my name may be removed from consideration for appointment to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County, and I may be disqualified from applying for any future Board vacancy.*
- *I am not presently employed by the Board of Education.*

By signing this application, I am consenting to any reasonable inquiry that may be necessary to verify the information I have provided on this form or that I may provide in conjunction with my application for the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

Signature

Date



1/5/18

SIDNEY ALLEN BUTCHER

Hanover, MD 21076 |

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

WHITEFORD TAYLOR & PRESTON, LLP, Baltimore, MD

Counsel, Business Litigation & White-Collar Criminal Defense Group, Sept. 2015 – Present

Represent a broad range of corporate entities and their leadership. Assist with management of excessive use of force cases on behalf of Baltimore City with more than 30 active cases. Handle litigation from discovery to trial, including taking and defending depositions, motions practice and preparing expert witnesses. Represent clients charged with criminal offenses in state court.

BALTIMORE CITY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Baltimore, MD

Assistant State's Attorney, Major Investigations Unit, Sept. 2014 – Sept. 2015

Prosecuted five felony trials and managed three wiretap investigations. Initiated, oversaw, and supervised proactive investigations and prosecuted cases against violent repeat offenders (VROs) in the Northwest District. Member of the City Corrections Investigative Unit (CCIU) responsible for investigating and prosecuting corruption in Baltimore City correctional facilities utilizing various investigative tools to successfully prosecute corruption. Supervised and mentored law clerks and interns.

Assistant State's Attorney, Felony Division (Zone 1), Dec. 2010 – Sept. 2014

Prosecuted violent felony cases, including preparation and coordination of police officers, investigators, analysts, expert witnesses and lay witnesses for trial; prepared for and conduct motions to suppress evidence, motions to adjudicate guilty and motions for discovery; conducted proffer sessions and worked closely with cooperators and informants to develop cases; handled a caseload of over 120 cases, including 20+ jury trials.

Assistant State's Attorney, Juvenile Div., Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2010 | District Court, Dec. 2007 – Sept. 2008

Began work managing 100+ cases simultaneously, including misdemeanor and incarcerable traffic offenses. Prosecuted juveniles for sexual assault, drugs, and violent offenses and handled 50+ bench trials.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Lawrence, KS

J.D., December 2004 | Recipient, Susman Godfrey Trial Advocacy Award, 2003-2004

FLORIDA A & M UNIVERSITY, Tallahassee, FL

B.S., Business Administration, May 2001

BAR ADMISSIONS, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AWARDS

- Admitted to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia
- MD State Bar Association | Co-Chair, Judicial Appointments Committee, 2013 – Present
- American Bar Association | Criminal Justice Section Council, 2013 – Present
- The Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. Center for Education, Justice & Ethics, Board Member, 2014 – Present
- Maryland Legal Services Corporation, Board Member, 2016 – Present
- Public Justice Center, President 2016 – 2017
- Monumental City Bar Association | President, 2014 – 2015
- 9th Annual Government & Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award Recipient 2014
- Presidential Award Recipient, Baltimore City Bar Association, 2009
- Bar Association for Baltimore City | Baltimore City Young Lawyer of the Month, November 2008

Response to Question #1

My wife and I have started a family in this County and we are committed to making the educational system as successful as possible for our daughter. Based on my background and experience I can be useful to the Board in improving the school system and assisting with setting policy. I have been active with several organization/boards on a local, state and national level. Many of these organizations have assisted me in strengthening several skills. I think my best skill is my ability to listen to issues and find ways to resolve them.

I am a former prosecutor and spent significant time handling cases where minors were in the criminal justice system. These matters were very important to me as the issues were much deeper than just the criminal offenses they faced. Education was always a factor and many times teachers played a huge role. Whether the teachers were the victims themselves, character witnesses or just providing updates on the behavior and performance of the juvenile offender I have learned a lot about issues faced by teachers.

Response to Question #2

The most critical issue that I hear from other parents and people in the community is about what is considered a "good" school whether it is legitimate or not the perception is that the public schools in Anne Arundel County are not equal. I want to work to ensure that all of our schools are great. I am sure that every district wants more money/resources, best teachers and opportunities for our students. I have observed news stories with schools dealing with issues of race, poor performance and lack of resources. I would like to assist in setting policy and creating a county where the students are able to take advantages of opportunities and teachers want to be in our county.

Response to Question #3

I am not familiar with any of the best practices and procedures in AACPS. I hope to become more familiar with not just the best practices but finding out where students see some holes and working to address those areas.

Response to Question 4

My exposure to Anne Arundel County Public Schools is very limited. Most of my experiences have been assisting minors with different legal issues. I welcome opportunities to assist young people with legal problems and educating them on the collateral consequences of their actions.